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Thanks. Currently, on the phone with Job. Ugh!!!!

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Subject VF-VI Interviews

Sorry this is later than expected. I was missing the notes of one interview and had several computer crashes when I tried to retrieve archived email to determine if I had failed to file it after one of the consultants sent it. I finally gave up looking for it in favor of summarizing what I had.

Attached is a summary of points raised in the interviews. I found it more difficult to extract lessons learned from the interview notes, so I used a summary format. (The interview notes make it appear that the focus of the interviews differed from one person to another, perhaps because consultants were seeking different information from interviewees). I've also attached a list of interviewees with pertinent interview notes. (Some of the interview notes dealt with irregularities other than voting fraud and voter intimidation.) --- Peggy



EAC-Summary of Info from Interviews 11-06.doc EAC-Experts Interviewed Notes 11-06.doc

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Subject VF-VI Another DOJ Objection

Julie:

I just remembered that there was one other DOJ objection. It was about the way the consultants described the Election Crimes Branch focus on cases. In the interview with Donsanto (the only interview I attended), he made reference to the fact that the Election Crimes Branch used to only go after conspiracies, not individuals. Now, however, they had begun prosecuting individuals for noncitizen and felon voting. The consultants heard an unexpressed "instead", which would mean that DOJ had dropped pursuing conspiracies in favor of going after individuals. Based on my previous experience, I heard and unexpressed "in addition", meaning that DOJ was not just prosecuting conspiracies, the department also had begun to prosecute individuals.

I had lengthy discussions with the consultants over this issue as well. Donsanto confirmed that he meant "in addition", and the lists of cases he provided indicates that the department continues to pursue conspiracies. (It doesn't make sense any other way, unless you believe that the government is out to get the little guy.) --- Peggy

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Subject Draft Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation

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Peggy,

I have attached a rough draft of the report that I think that we should propose to the Commissioners. I was hoping that you could give it a read and give me your comments by Friday morning, as I have to deliver a draft to the Commissioners on Friday. I also have a couple of questions. You will notice that I have noted that several items will be attached as appendixes. First question: Should we attach these things? Second question: In cases where you have provided summaries of the summaries, should we attach yours or theirs?



EAC REPORT ON VOTER FRAUD AND VOTER INTIMIDATION STUDY.doc

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Julie:

I really like the tone, focus, and organization of the paper. I also liked the way you interspersed the lists of Working Group members, interviewees, and reports reviewed with the text (drawing the reader's attention to the info, cutting down on the # of appendices, and giving the eye a break from regular text). Attached is your document with my comments, questions, and suggested changes. I did not do much to it.

Regarding your questions about the appendices:

I really did not prepare my summaries with an eye toward publication, but the consultants' summaries probably include incendiary info (particularly re DOJ interviews). As for the case law, we have multiple, voluminous charts, but no list. We can create a list from the charts, but that will take time. The Commissioners may want to see the consultants' or my summaries and the case law charts, but do we need to publish them?

Do we need to put short bios for Tova and Job in an appendix? --- Peggy



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Julie:

I reviewed our materials and refreshed my memory. The DOJ issues appear to be the only potential pitfalls in the consultants' interview summaries. The only other issue that arose during the course of the work was Secretary Rokita's objection to EAC doing the research. I think you have taken care of that in your paper. --- Peggy

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Appendix 3 - Interview Summaries - consultants.doc

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Summaries of Interviews with Donsanto-Tanner redacted-revised.doc

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I assume you mean the note associated with the Tanner interview when you mentioned the pending cases. That's fine by me. I was just a little concerned that the note as a whole was a little adversarial and whiny. If any questions arise as to why certain items should be deleted from the Donsanto interview summary, I have answers. --- Peggy

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Subject Vote Fraud Report

Dear Peter:

I apologize for the delayed response. The paper that the media touted as an EAC statement on vote fraud was actually just a report on the status of preliminary research into voting fraud and voter intimidation conducted by EAC consultants. The document does not represent a consensus statement on the subject by EAC. The status report was presented to the EAC Board of Advisors and the EAC Standards Board last spring. As these meetings were open to the public, the status report is available to the public. (See attached.)

EAC plans to consider a draft of its own report, which is based on the preliminary research of our consultants, at this Thursday's public meeting. (See agenda published at <http://www.eac.gov/docs/Public%20Meeting,%2012-07-06,%20Wash.,%20Revised%20Final%20Agenda.pdf>.) If the report is approved, EAC will publish it on our web page.

Regards,

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Subject Please review ASAP - Fw: Fraud Report Press Release -
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Subject Fraud Report Press Release - DRAFT

Brian,

Please find attached the draft fraud report press release for review. The other documents will follow in a separate email.

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The contact information for the Project Working Group, including technical advisor, Craig Donsanto, is in the attached spreadsheet.

You should also send notice to John Tanner, Chief, Voting Section, Civil Rights Division, DOJ (john.k.tanner@usdoj.gov). --- Peggy



Work Group Contact-Availability Info.xls

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Subject EAC Releases Findings of Voting Fraud and Voter
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EAC Releases Findings of Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation Study

*No consensus on the regularity of voting fraud and voting intimidation found
Agency accepts recommendations to conduct a comprehensive study on elections crimes*

WASHINGTON - The United States Election Assistance Commission (EAC) today voted on the findings of the "Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation Study" and accepted recommendations to conduct

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a comprehensive assessment of all claims, charges and prosecutions of voting crimes.

The study represents the first phase of the information gathering process and includes a working definition of election crimes. EAC will now proceed with the second phase, a more comprehensive data-driven survey and study of elections crimes and voter intimidation. The new phase will offer consistency to the study and will identify a common definition of the issue for dialogue among elections officials, civil rights and voter advocacy groups, law enforcement officials, attorneys and the public.

The recommendations accepted by EAC today include:

Survey Chief Elections Officers to Review and Assess Administrative Complaints: EAC will survey the states' chief election officers regarding complaints that have been filed, investigated and resolved since January 1, 2004.

Survey State Election Crime Investigation Units Regarding Complaints Filed and Referred: EAC will gather information on the numbers and types of complaints that have been received by, investigated, and ultimately referred to local or state law enforcement by election crime investigation units since January 1, 2004.

Survey Law Enforcement and Prosecutorial Agencies Regarding Complaints and Charge of Voting Crimes: EAC will survey law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies at the local, state and federal level to determine the number and types of complaints, charges, or indictments, and pleas or convictions of election crimes since January 1, 2004.

Analyze Survey Data in Light of State Laws and Procedures: EAC will use the reliable data gathered from each survey group to analyze the effectiveness of fraud prevention and reporting measures.

In order to arrive at the findings, EAC consultants reviewed existing studies, articles, reports and case law on voting fraud and intimidation and conducted interviews with experts in the field regarding their experiences and research. According to the findings, while there is currently no consensus on the frequency of voting fraud and voter intimidation, most participants agreed that absentee balloting is subject to the greatest proportion of fraudulent acts, followed by vote buying and voter registration fraud.

Following today's vote to approve the survey recommendations, EAC will begin a comprehensive survey and subsequent study on voting fraud and voter intimidation based on hard data. Section 241 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) mandates that EAC research and study various issues related to the administration of elections. During Fiscal Year 2006, EAC in consultation with the Standards Board and Board of Advisors selected voting fraud and voter intimidation from a list of potential research topics that serve to improve the administration of elections for federal office.

For the EAC's full report on the Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation Study or to view testimony from today's hearing, visit www.eac.gov.

EAC is an independent bipartisan commission created by HAVA. It is charged with administering payments to states and developing guidance to meet HAVA requirements, implementing election administration improvements, adopting voluntary voting system guidelines, accrediting voting system test laboratories and certifying voting equipment and serving as a national clearinghouse and resource of information regarding election administration. The three EAC commissioners are Paul DeGregorio, chairman; Donetta Davidson and Gracia Hillman. One vacancy currently exists.

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cc twilkey@eac.gov, psims@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov,
ggilmour@eac.gov, bwhitener@eac.gov
Subject Rick Hasen response-need your approval

Commissioners,

I want to respond to Rick Hasen's post regarding EAC and the fraud report. My suggested response is below, and his original post follows. Please let me know if you agree that I should attempt to correct the misinformation he posted. If so, please let me know if you approve of my suggested response. Thank you.

Mr. Hasen,

I write to point out incorrect information you posted on your website on December 11, 2006. You wrote: "Note what's missing compared to the earlier version leaked to the USA Today Newspaper." No one at the EAC leaked anything to USA Today. The reporter asked for a copy of the staff report about the fraud research that was presented at a public meeting in May to our Board of Advisors and the Standards Board, and the EAC provided it to him. This information was presented and discussed at a meeting that was open to the public, so we provided materials distributed at the meeting to anyone who requested it. The staff report about the fraud project was also distributed to every member of both advisory boards. Go [here](#) to view the Federal Register notice about the public meeting at which this project and many others were discussed.

The statement you attribute to one of the consultants is absolutely correct. As stated by their contract, these consultants were hired so that the EAC could "...obtain consulting services from an individual who can provide advice drawn from broad professional and technical experience in the area of voter fraud and intimidation."

As for your reference to what's "missing compared to the earlier version," the report contains the complete summaries of every interview conducted by the consultants as well as every book, article, report or case that was reviewed. It does not contain the synopsis of those interviews, which were written by the consultants. EAC provided the individual summaries so readers could reach their own conclusions about the substance of the interviews.

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EAC's interpretation of HAVA and its determination of what it will study and how it will use its resources to study it are matters of agency policy and decision. These are not, nor should they be, determinations or decisions made by consultants. The EAC has the ultimate responsibility for the reports it issues, and it is incumbent upon the agency to conduct due diligence to ensure reports, data or any other information is complete and accurate before it is adopted by the Commission.

As someone with a public platform who informs the public about matters regarding election administration, I would appreciate it if you would extend the same professional courtesy most journalists do and contact the agency in the future if you have questions or concerns about EAC policy or actions. You may reach me directly at 202-566-3103. I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
Jeannie Layson
Director of Communications
US Election Assistance Commission

More on FL-13, and a Role for the EAC?

When I saw this headline on the *Sarasota Herald Tribune* web page, I thought it must have been about the FL-13 race.

Over on the election law listserv, Doug Johnson, responding to my commentary calling for the House to investigate the problems and declare a revote in the FL-13 race, suggested that perhaps the EAC is better situated to conduct an investigation than the House of the problems in the FL-13.

I'm afraid we might not be able to count on the EAC to conduct an investigation that is well-funded, tough, and fair. Politics appears to be creeping in to decisions of the EAC's advisory board, and there's real concern about the EAC's vote fraud report. Note what's missing compared to the earlier version leaked to the *USA Today* newspaper. Tova Wang, who authored the draft report for the EAC, issued the following statement to me: "My co-consultant and I provided the EAC with a tremendous amount of research and analysis for this project. The EAC released what is their report yesterday."

The EAC has also lost two commissioners, one Republican and one Democrat, who appeared to be tough-minded and fair. I am very worried about the fairness and non-partisanship of the new rumored nominees.

In short, the EAC has to prove it is up to the task of fair and serious inquiry before it could be trusted with something like an investigation of the FL-13.

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12/13/2006 10:50 AM

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Subject Re: Rick Hasen response-need your approval

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Jeannie and Gavin on a response to PFAW's FOIA request for the study. Jeannie should have the final copy of that reply.

Peggy Sims
Election Research Specialist

Gracia Hillman/EAC/GOV



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To Jeannie Layson/EAC/GOV@EAC
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Subject Re: PFAW Response to EAC Vote Fraud Report 

Sorry. I saw a message addressed to the Commissioners. I did not realize the fact that I was cc'd meant that you wanted my comments as well. Will do better next time. In the case of PFAW, I think we may need to address other points, as well. I can put some comments in bullet form, and you can take them or leave them. --- Peggy

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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
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Subject Re: People For 

Peg, et.al-


I did not have any interaction with this group.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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12/14/2006 12:40 PM

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Subject Re: People For 

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Hillman/EAC/GOV

12/14/2006 12:07
PMDear Commissioner
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Gracia Hillman/EAC/GOV

12/18/2006 12:44 PM

To pdegregorio@eac.gov, Ddavidson@eac.gov, Margaret
Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Suggested Timeline for Election Crimes Study

Attached is the suggested timeline that I offered for the Election Crimes Study.

It is an excel spreadsheet, which, if printed, should be done with Landscape layout. If printed on 8 1/2 x 11 paper, it will print as two pages.



Election Crimes, Proj 2007 Timeline.xls

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Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV

01/23/2007 02:35 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Fraud report

Was the report that was drafted after the working group meeting or the interviews done with eac participant reviewed after the draft was completed.

Need this right away

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Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV

01/26/2007 11:49 AM

To Elieen L. Kuala/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: 

Peg-

Could you get Elle and answer on this, if she hasn't already gotten one?

Thanks

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Elieen L. Kuala/EAC/GOV



Elieen L. Kuala/EAC/GOV

01/23/2007 02:14 PM

To "Karen Lynn-Dyson" <klynndyson@eac.gov>

cc

Subject

Hey Karen,

Did Barbara Arnwine ever attend ANY of the voter fraud working group meetings?

Thanks,

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Elleen L. Kuala/EAC/GOV
01/26/2007 11:54 AM

To klynndyson@eac.gov@EAC
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject Re:

I already got one, thanks!

Elle L.K. Kuala
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Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV

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01/26/2007 11:49 AM

To Elleen L. Kuala/EAC/GOV@EAC
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Subject Re:

Peg-

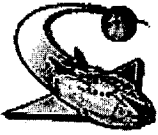
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01/23/2007 02:14 PM

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Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV
02/09/2007 05:45 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
Subject Fw: 1099

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----- Forwarded by Juliet E. Hodgkins/EAC/GOV on 02/09/2007 05:44 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"
<serebrov@sbcglobal.net>
02/09/2007 05:33 PM

To "Julie Thompson-Hodgkins" <jhodgkins@eac.gov>
cc
Subject 1099

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Julie:

I received my 1099 and the figure looks too high. It is listed at \$58,065.35. Can you check on this?

Job

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/24/2007 02:50 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

02/09/2007 06:01 PM

To [REDACTED] et

cc

Subject 1099

Job:

Julie just forwarded your inquiry. That figure looks too high to me, too! I'll check with our finance folks next Monday to find out what happened. Hope all is well with you.

Peggy Sims
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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Fw: 1099 Incorrect

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"Job Serebrov"

02/09/2007 05:57 PM

To "Julie Thompson-Hodgkins" <jhodgkins@eac.gov>

cc

Subject 1099 Incorrect

Julie:

I just added my invoices and I get only around \$39,700 including the travel expense reimbursement. The 1099 needs to be corrected.

Job

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/24/2007 02:50 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"

02/09/2007 06:19 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: 1099

All is well Peg. How are you? I added up my invoices and it should be between \$39,700 and \$47,000 with the travel check included.

Regards,

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:

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To DScott@eac.gov, Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Possible Discrepancy on Contractor's 1099

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Peggy Sims

Election Research Specialist

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Bola Olu/EAC/GOV

02/12/2007 12:30 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc DScott@eac.gov

Subject Re: Possible Discrepancy on Contractor's 1099 

Peggy:

I will look into this and get back to you.

Bola Olu

Financial Administrative Specialist

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV
04/23/2007 02:58 PM

To Curtis Crider/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc
bcc
Subject Re: documentation for evaluation 

Curtis:

I believe that the only items I have in hard copy, and not in electronic format, are my working copies of the contracts (official copies would be in the agency contract files), the monthly pay invoices and travel reimbursement requests submitted by the consultants, and some DOJ training documentation that was given to us on condition that we keep it confidential.

Other than emails, the documentation that is in electronic form is housed in EAC's shared drawer at T:\RESEARCH IN PROGRESS\VOTING FRAUD-VOTER INTIMIDATION. Do you have read access to that?

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Curtis Crider/EAC/GOV

Curtis Crider/EAC/GOV
04/23/2007 02:27 PM

To EAC Personnel
cc
Subject documentation for evaluation

All:

The Office of Inspector General has initiated an evaluation of the contracting process used by the EAC for the voter fraud and voter intimidation projects. In order for us to complete our evaluation, we need copies of all e-mails or other documents that you have regarding either project. Electronic documents can be sent to an e-mail account that we have set up- eacon@eac.gov. If you have any hard copy documents, please let me know.

If you do not have any documents or e-mails, please send me an e-mail to that effect.

Thank you,

Curtis Crider
Office of Inspector General, Election Assistance Commission
Phone - (202) 566-3125
Fax - (202) 566-0957

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting



Peggy sorry but I am out of town on the 18th of May. Good luck

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:24 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"

[Redacted email address]

05/09/2006 03:09 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Conference Call

Peggy:

I would like to get this travel issue sorted out between us before the call at 4pm. While the hotel problem is applicable to both Tova and me, the ground travel is not. In any case, I will want to read the federal regulation on this before we speak. Please either send me the regulation that states I must travel by the least expensive means and that all alternative travel cost can not exceed this or give me the site.

Thanks,

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 03:34 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

[Redacted email address]

cc twilkey@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov

Subject Re: Conference Call

Job:

I'm afraid I don't have time to look up the Federal travel regulation. I can refer to GSA Form 87, which is the Federal travel authorization form that is based on the travel regulations. There are two questions on this form that would apply to your situation:

- Question 14 asks, "Is the employee making any deviations from the authorized itinerary for personal convenience, taking any annual leave or using a different mode of transportation for personal convenience?"

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- Question 17A asks, " Will POV be used for any travel between itinerary points? (If 'Yes', check one box below and complete item 17B.)" This is followed by one check box with a statement, "Use of POV is advantageous to the government" and another check box that states, "Use of POV is not advantageous to the government. Use of POV has been determined to be for personal convenience and reimbursement limited to constructive cost of common carrier."

Line 17 B is used to note mileage rate. These provisions apply to our Commissioners, our staff, and our consultants. I understand that everyone has to make allowances for emergencies, but your emergency has not yet arrived, and may well arrive after the May 18 meeting. Furthermore, personal emergencies are considered personal matters. The government does not reimburse us for additional travel costs resulting from our need to address personal matters.

Because you are not a Federal employee and we recognize that airlines do not and hotels may not offer you government rate, we can reimburse the higher hotel rate so long as your total travel costs under the current contract do not exceed the total amount budgeted for travel reimbursement for this contract (\$3,500).

Regarding the Working Group meeting, I am pleased that you recognize that convening the Working Group is a deliverable. You also should recall that the only reason Commission staff is involved in helping to set up this meeting is that you and Tova told me that the two of you did not have the resources to do it and that it would be better to have one central coordinator (i.e.; EAC). We have repeatedly talked about holding the meeting in DC because so many of our working group members are here and because we can support the meeting at EAC offices and stay within the EAC budget.

The date for the original Working Group meeting was presented by you and Tova to me in your work plan. As you know, many of the dates in the plan had to slide because the two of you indicated that you needed more time to complete the preliminary research to be presented at the meeting. Beginning in April, our teleconferences honed in on possible weeks for the meeting. May 18 is the only day all but Norcross could attend. Norcross was available only 2 days out of the three weeks we were considering. We are attempting to fill his slot with the person you recommended, Pat Rogers.

We can discuss any remaining concerns you have regarding the participation of Perez and of Pat Rogers during this afternoon's teleconference. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] >



"Job Serebrov"

05/09/2006 03:09 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Conference Call

Peggy:

I would like to get this travel issue sorted out between us before the call at 4pm. While the hotel problem is applicable to both Tova and me, the ground travel is not. In any case, I will want to read the federal regulation on this before we speak. Please either send me the regulation that states I must travel by the least expensive means and that all

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alternative travel cost can not exceed this or give me the site.

Thanks,

Job

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

05/03/2006 01:48 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc dromig@eac.gov

Subject Re: Working Group Meeting

Peggy:

I expect that since Norcross can't make it either you will try to get Rogers or cut one of Tova's folks.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job and Tova:
>
> As of now, the afternoon of Thursday, May 18 appears
> to be the best
> possible date for the meeting. Norcross is not
> available to attend in
> person that day (he is available only 2 days during
> the first three weeks
> of May). We won't have confirmation of the
> availability of Secretary
> Rokita until tomorrow --- but I am hopeful.
>
> I'll give you an update tomorrow. Maybe we can
> schedule a teleconference
> on Monday afternoon. --- Peggy

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"Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

>

04/26/2006 09:07 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

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Peg -- I'll have check. I am pretty well clogged next month.

What do you need Peg?

Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Wed Apr 26 20:30:24 2006
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Craig:

Are yu available any days in the third week of May?

Peggy

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Donsanto, Craig" [Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov]
Sent: 04/03/2006 03:16 PM
To: Margaret Sims
Subject: RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

Hello Peg!

God willing, I will be here the first two weeks of May.

As for your second question, it is not possible for me to assess the level of public attribution that would be appropriate without seeing the substantive stuff in context. I do not foresee a problem. So, I recommend that you get me a draft text and I will review it to ensure we are not disclosing things we shouldn't disclose.

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 03, 2006 3:13 PM
To: Donsanto, Craig
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project

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Craig:

I have 2 issues for you today.

First, I am trying to schedule a meeting of the project working group for EAC's Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation research project. As a technical advisor on this project, your attendance is particularly important to me. Would you please look at your schedule and let me know if there are any days during the first 2 weeks of May that you would NOT be available?

Second, is it OK for our consultants to refer in their report to guidance provided in the DOJ training materials? I ask this because I understood that some materials in the materials are considered confidential and we do not want to violate your confidentiality provisions. If there is a compromise position, such as having you review that portion of the consultants' report, then let me know.

Thanks!

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:25 AM

To Gavin Gilmour

cc jthompson@eac.gov

Subject Fw: Working Group-Travel Costs

Can you help me respond to this ... and soon? --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/09/2006 11:25 AM -----



"Job Serebrov"

05/08/2006 09:58 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group-Travel Costs

Peggy:

Please tell the folks there that I am not worried about a perceived breach of contract. This is a completely ridiculous statement considering the contractual requirement that the consultants convene

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the Working Group and not the Commission and it never specifies where or when this is to take place. All this to say that while the contract does specify a Working Group meeting it does not specify that it must take place on any particular date or in a particular city. With that said, I have never heard of any federal travel requirements that would result in a loss of money because I decided to drive and not fly. In fact, that is why there is a an amount paid per mile. So I would like to see the federal regulation that forces me to take the least expensive transport and restricts all other ground transport costs to that figure.

As to hotels, based on Tova's research there are no rooms for under the \$350 range per night. If you can find hotels that are less expensive but still carry the kind of bed I need for my back (either pillow top or a number bed) please do.

The issue of my uncle---today I have not had an update on his condition. But, as I previously stated, if he were to die or have an event while I was in DC, I would have to go to NYC meeting or no meeting.

Finally, neither Tova nor I have been satisfied about Mr. Perez and I have not been told whether Pat Rogers will be coming or one of Tova's people will not be.

In the end, I need to see the travel regulation that I requested above, I would like you to look into hotels for Tova and me that have the kind of bed I need and I would like to know about Perez and Rogers. In the mean time, I should have an update on my uncle by morning. I would also be happy to talk to Julie about the issues involved. I will take you up on your offer to process my travel expenses faster and I do not and never did expect you to get me a travel advance. I worked in international development and know what a headache those are to apply for on the state level.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:
>
> Folks here are concerned that your failure to show
> up in person to help
> conduct the meeting would be a breach of contract.
> I also am concerned
> about the impression that your absence will leave
> with the Commissioners
> and with the VIPs coming to this meeting.
>
> If you are concerned about delays in reimbursement
> caused by including the
> travel expenses in the personal services voucher, I
> can always process
> your request (with receipts) separately and earlier.

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> I can have staff
> here check to see if we can find hotel rooms at a
> more reasonable rate for
> you and Tova. (We recognize that you may not be
> able to obtain Federal
> government rate.) What I cannot do is offer a
> travel advance, which is
> not permitted for nonfederal employees, or offer to
> pay the difference
> between normal travel expenses and those incurred
> for personal
> convenience, when the latter is the higher amount.
>
> I urge you to make your travel arrangements ASAP.
>
> Peggy Sims
> Election Research Specialist
> U.S. Election Assistance Commission
> 1225 New York Ave, NW - Ste 1100
> Washington, DC 20005
> Phone: 866-747-1471 (toll free) or 202-566-3120
> (direct)
> Fax: 202-566-3127
> email: psims@eac.gov
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>
> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>
> 05/08/2006 01:41 PM
>
> To
> psims@eac.gov
> cc
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> Subject
> Re: Working Group
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>
> Given the information I have Peggy, that is not
> going
> to be financially possible. First, given Tova's info
> about the hotels, it is too much for me to front.
> Two
> to three days in DC would run around \$1000 for the
> hotel alone. That does not count the two days on the
> road to get there and two days back. Second, if I
> can't charge the federal per mile allowance for the
> entire trip to DC and back and can only get the
> equivalent of plane fare, I will actually lose
> money.
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> I simply do not see how we can do this in person
> given
> the financial restrictions.

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:
>
> > Job:
> >
> > I don't think we can put you on teleconference for
> > 4 1/2 hours. We really
> > need to have you here in person if you are to help
> > conduct the Working
> > Group meeting. You should make your travel
> > arrangements ASAP. --- Peggy
> >
> >
> >
> >
> > "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>
> > 05/08/2006 10:14 AM
> >
> > To
> > psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org
> > cc
> >
> > Subject
> > Re: Working Group
> >
> >
> >
> >
> >
> > Peggy:
> >
> > 4:00 eastern on Tuesday is fine however, given the
> > financial restrictions that you indicated would be
> > in
> > place for use of my car (I would actually loose
> > money
> > coming to DC) and given the cost of hotels at this
> > time (I can't afford to front these costs and wait
> > for
> > months to be repaid), etc, it would take a miracle
> > for
> > this working group meeting to take place in
> > person.
> > It
> > is looking like the only way it will get done is
> > by
> > teleconference. I also share Tova's concern about
> > the
> > unknown nature of Mr. Perez.
> >
> > Job
> >
> >
> > --- psims@eac.gov wrote:
> >
> > > Hi, Folks:
> > >

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> > > Teleconference
> > > Are both of you available for a teleconference
> > next
> > > Tuesday afternoon at
> > > about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you,
> > > please suggest another
> > > date and/or time. I would like to discuss our
> > > preparations for the
> > > Working Group meeting.
> > >
> > > Working Group Members
> > > We have a very good person to fill the slot for
> > the
> > > nonpartisan local
> > > election official: J.R. Perez, Elections
> > > Administrator for Guadalupe
> > > County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have
> > no
> > > objections to him. He
> > > is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to
> > Pat
> > > Rogers office, but
> > > have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have
> > any
> > > pull with him, you
> > > may want to contact him, too.
> > >
> > > Travel Arrangements
> > > You should make your own travel arrangements,
> > > including hotel. Travel
> > > time cannot be billed to the contract, except
> > for
> > > hours actually worked on
> > > the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in
> > > preparation for the meeting,
> > > and the like). Current Federal rates follow:
> > >
> > > Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include
> > > hotel taxes (if you
> > > cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable
> > > rates that are a little
> > > higher)
> > > Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that
> > it
> > is
> > > \$48 on the first and
> > > last day of travel)
> > > Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$.445
> > per
> > > mile
> > >
> > > Under the new contract, I do not have to fill
> > out
> > a
> > > travel authorization
> > > for you. I can approve your trip via email.
> > > Afterwards, when you turn in
> > > your next pay voucher, you can attach the
> > airline
> > > receipt (or mileage
> > > documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground

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> > > transportation receipts and a
> > > copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the
> > > total travel expenses due
>
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"Tova Wang"

04/26/2006 05:46 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject wg

Do you want me to call both Bob too?

Tova Andrea Wang

Democracy Fellow

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] New York, NY 10021
p [REDACTED] 212-688-7554

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"Tova Wang"

05/11/2006 02:10 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Literature Summary

We accidentally left it out when we emailed all the summaries

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 1:09 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Literature Summary

Tova just sent me the summary you prepared of The Federal Crime of Election Fraud by Craig Donsanto. There is something wrong in the fourth paragraph (odd characters and missing text). Can you please send a replacement fourth paragraph? You can send it in an email and I will place it in the document. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"

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<wang@tcf.org>
05/11/2006 03:45 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [redacted]@eac.gov
cc
Subject RE: new working group representative

He is representing Barbara Arnwine, and we have already established we are not disinviting anyone. We still don't know about Ginsburg yet anyway, right?

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 2:36 PM
To: Tova Wang; pwims@eac.gov
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: new working group representative

I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize he comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority attorney and we already have a rep who worked with DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not fill that position since I am one down.

--- Tova Wang [redacted] wrote:

> is Jon Greenbaum
>
> Here's his info in full:
>
> <http://www.lawyerscommittee.org/2005website/aboutus/staff/staffgreenbaum.htm>
> 1
>
> He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project for
> the Lawyers Committee
> for Civil Rights. He will be representing Barbara
> Arnwine, the Executive
> Director of the Lawyers Committee.
>
> His contact and mailing info is:
>
> [redacted]
> [redacted]
> [redacted]
> Suite 400
> Washington, DC 20005
>
>
> Tova Andrea Wang
> Democracy Fellow
> The Century Foundation
> [redacted]
> [redacted]
> Visit our Web site, <[http://\[redacted\]](http://[redacted])>
> [www.\[redacted\]](http://www.[redacted]) for the latest news,
> analysis, opinions, and events.

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>
> <mailto:join-tcfmain@mailhost.groundspring.org>
> Click here to receive our
> weekly e-mail updates.
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"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 03:49 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Literature Summary

I resent the review as you see at the bottom. When I opened it and sent it there was no corrupted text.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Do you have text to replace the corrupted text in
> paragraph 4? --- Peggy

>

>

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> "Job Serebrov"

> 05/11/2006 03:17 PM

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> To

> psims@eac.gov

> cc

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> Subject

> Re: Literature Summary

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> > Tova just sent me the summary you prepared of The

> > Federal Crime of

> > Election Fraud by Craig Donsanto. There is

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> > something wrong in the fourth
> > paragraph (odd characters and missing text). Can
> > you please send a
> > replacement fourth paragraph? You can send it in
> > an email and I will
> > place it in the document. --- Peggy
>

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/05/2006 01:59 PM

To "J. R. Perez" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: Bio for Perez [REDACTED]

Thanks, J.R. Great to have you on board! We will get back to you shortly regarding travel arrangements. The meeting materials will be sent by Federal Express next week.

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"J. R. Perez" [REDACTED]



"J. R. Perez"

05/05/2006 01:23 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Bio for Perez



bio 5_5_06.doc

Hi Peggy, it was nice talking with you today and I would be glad to try and add to the discussion. I am attaching a brief bio and will await your instructions for the travel arrangements. I look forward to receiving the current information on panel issues.

J.R. Perez
Elections Administrator
Guadalupe County

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"Weinberg and Utrecht"
[REDACTED]

05/05/2006 12:27 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

5201 Roosevelt St.
Bethesda, MD 20814
301-493-5343

----- Original Message -----

From: psims@eac.gov

To: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, May 05, 2006 10:56 AM

Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Barry:

Would you please provide an address to which we can Federal Express materials before the meeting? ---
Peg

"Weinberg and Utrecht" [REDACTED]

05/04/2006 01:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

that would be fine

----- Original Message -----

From: psims@eac.gov

To: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2006 1:08 PM

Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Barry:

It appears that the afternoon of Thursday, May 18 is best for a meeting of the working group. I know you

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said you would not be available in the morning that day. If we started at 1 PM, would that be too soon for you?

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"Job Serebrov"

05/12/2006 02:52 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group List

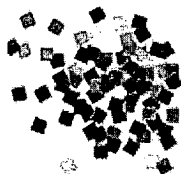
List a vacancy---to be filled. If we don't hear from Ginsberg by late afternoon please call Braden.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:
>
> What do you suggest I do with the list of Working
> Group members. I need
> to get the Fed Ex packages out by the end of the
> day, and have not heard
> back from Ginsberg. Do you want me to list a
> vacancy, or list Norcross
> with a note that he cannot attend? If we find a
> substitute, we can always
> provide an updated list next Thursday. --- Peggy

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 04:43 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Hotel for Job

Peggy,

A possible hotel suggestion for Job might be the Sheraton College Park in Beltsville, MD. They have room availability for the nights of the 17th and the 18th for \$159.00 a night.

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They have what is called the Sheraton Sweet Sleeper Bed. More information at:

http://www.starwoodhotels.com/promotions/promo_landing.html?category=sweet_sleeper

This hotel is a little out of the way but the members of the Asian Language Working Group and others have stayed there. The hotel does offer a shuttle to and from Reagan airport and the metro.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/12/2006 01:51 PM

To Devon Romig

cc

Subject Wang & Serebrov Fed Ex Info

Devon:

Here is the information you need for the Fed Ex forms for Job and Tova.

Tova Wang
201 West 74th Street, Apt 11F
New York, NY 10023
Phone: 212-362-5223
(Note that the package may be left with the doorman.)

Job Serebrov
2110 South Spring Street
Little Rock, AR 72206
Phone: 501-374-2176

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:23 PM -----



"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]

05/02/2006 05:52 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

OK. I'll be out of the office for the next three days, and mostly unavailable on Thursday and Friday as you know already. Tomorrow you can try me on my cell phone 917-656-7905. I'll try to check email when I can. Thanks Peg. Tova

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]


Sent: Tuesday, May 02, 2006 4:41 PM

To: [REDACTED]

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Subject: RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

I hope to have a better idea tomorrow, if Rokita's office responds. If not, we'd better have a teleconference to discuss our options. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" 

05/02/2006 05:06 PM

To dromig@eac.gov

cc psims@eac.gov

Subject RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Can you please give me an idea where we are at with all this? I'd like to be able to figure out my schedule. Thanks -- and thanks for all your assistance on this. Tova

-----Original Message-----

From: dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, May 02, 2006 3:54 PM

To: wang@tcf.org

Subject: RE: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Yes, I have spoken to her assistant several times but today has been the first time that I have ever spoken to her assistant. We did get the information that we needed. Thanks for your help!

Devon Romig
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"Tova Wang" 

04/26/2006 04:39 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: interview analysis

I think I can help you at least with respect to Barbara. I'll be speaking to her today!

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

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Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2006 3:38 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: interview analysis

Thanks. We are still trying to get through to Bauer and Arnwine. They have not responded, so their availability is not yet reflected on our spreadsheet. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

04/26/2006 11:22 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

Subject interview analysis

Hi Peg,

Attached, to add to the collection, is a summary overview of the interviews. Do you have that spreadsheet you were telling me about reflecting the times WG participants are available? If so, maybe we can talk soon? Thanks. Tova

Tova Andrea Wang

Democracy Fellow

The Century Foundation

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"Tova Wang"
[REDACTED]

04/24/2006 01:49 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

Subject last of the literature

Hi Peg,

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Here is the last summary of existing research. Please let us know how to proceed from here. Thanks.

Tova Andrea Wang
Democracy Fellow
The Century Foundation

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
phone: 212 432 7704 [REDACTED]

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Response to the CB Report FINAL.doc

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 05:47 PM

To [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: wg 

Tova:

Rokita is available --- so the afternoon of May 18 it is. I will not disinvite anyone. I am trying to get Job's next choice (Pat Rogers) as a replacement for Norcross.

Monday appears to be out for a teleconference because Job will be unavailable that afternoon and I am scheduled for something else that morning. I'll check my schedule tomorrow and send a message to you and Job regarding other possible days and times. --- Peggy

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]
05/04/2006 05:21 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject wg

Hi Peg,

Just wondering if you had any word from Rokita. Also, I wanted to let you know that I think disinviting members of the working group would be a very unwise and frankly embarrassing way of dealing with the problem of getting 100% attendance. I'm sure we'll talk before any decisions are made. As I said, I'm free on Monday. Thanks. Tova

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"Job Serebrey" [REDACTED]

To

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05/12/2006 03:22 PM

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition

I would give him until Monday morning but I would also call Braden today and tell him there may be an opening for him on the WG and find out whether he is free.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I have placed another call to his office (after one
> previous call to his
> assistant and an email to him). I, too, am
> concerned about our dwindling
> chances. --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

> 05/12/2006 03:06 PM

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> To

> psims@eac.gov

> cc

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> Subject

> Re: Fraud Definition

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> Given the short time period, you may want to give
> Ginsberg a deadline. The longer we wait, the poorer
> our chances are of getting Braden.

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> > I am reluctant to invite Braden until after I have
> > received a "No" from
> > Ginsberg. --- Peg

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> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

> > 05/12/2006 02:33 PM

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> > To

> > psims@eac.gov

> > cc

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> > Subject

> > Re: Fraud Definition

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> > Sounds good to me. If not Ginsburg try Braden.
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> > --- psims@eac.gov wrote:
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> > > I will add "DRAFT" to the definition and, yes,
> the
> > > WG will have
> > > suggestions. I do plan to send packets to you
> and
> > > Tova containing the
> > > same materials being provided to the WG. I
> > haven't
> > > sent anything yet
> > > because I was hoping to finalize the WG list for
> > > inclusion. (Still
> > > waiting for a response from Ginsberg.)
> > >
> > > Regarding Tova's response, we may want to have a
> > > very short meeting after
> > > the WG disperses, followed by a teleconference
> the
> > > following Monday
> > > afternoon. Tuesday is bad for me because I'll
> be
> > > out of the office
> > > attending a series of EAC meetings that begin
> that
> > > day. --- Peggy
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> > >
> > > "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>
> > > 05/12/2006 12:52 PM
> > >
> > > To
> > > psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org
> > > cc
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> > > Subject
> > > Re: Fraud Definition
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> > > This is ok, given the fact that the WG may have
> > > suggestions. Will you be sending us the same
> > packets
> > > that you are sending the WG? Also, I figure
> with
> > > Tova's response we will need to have a
> > > teleconference
> > > on the report once I return to Little Rock. We



Case Summaries.doc Peggy:

Please add this to the packet.

Job

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"Job Serebrov"

05/10/2006 11:51 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Update

The bed is not what I need and Beltsville is a bit far out.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Why is the hotel suggestion not workable? (I need
> to know as we continue
> our search.) -- Peg
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> "Job Serebrov"
> 05/10/2006 10:29 AM
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> To
> psims@eac.gov
> cc
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> Subject
> Update
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> Peggy:
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> Pat just e-mailed me. He has something he can't move
> on the 18th. So I am now down one person and still
> no
> good hotel situation. Devon's suggestion is not
> workable.
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> Job
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> I am concerned about the number of hours left for this project. If you and
> Tova both agree, I'll see if our Contracting Officer will approve a
> contract mod to provide for some additional hours and money to incorporate
> comments received on the report and other efforts that fall within the
> tasks specified in the current contract. We won't get 60 thou, but there
> might be a little year end money we can use to finish this off properly.
> Peg
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> -----
> Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld
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> ----- Original Message -----
> From: "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]
> Sent: 06/30/2006 05:58 PM
> To: psims@eac.gov; [REDACTED]
> Subject: Various
>
> Peg:
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> I had to take time off this afternoon to handle some
> issues. Did you get an answer as to my travel
> reimbursement?
>
> I spoke to Tova about the Donsanto issue. We both
> agree about what we heard during the interview. We
> also agree that this is taking up too much time (of
> which we have so little left) and is a minor part of
> one interview which makes up one of thirty interviews.
> I feel the same as Tova, the Commission was not in on
> the interview and thus do not know what was said and
> we are not giving those interviewed the opportunity,
> especially given how long ago the interviews were, to
> object. Frankly, if the Commission wants to give us
> another sixty hours each we can call all of our
> interviewees, give them the review and ask for
> comments. In any case, we can't include comments from
> other interviews with, or lectures by person
> interviewed, outside of our interview with that
> person. We simply can't afford to single out one
> statement in one interview that there is a
> disagreement on. Finally, I don't read the paragraph
> as you do---I remember what was said---the paragraph
> clearly does not imply an abandonment of other DOJ
> electoral investigations.
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> Job
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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:17 PM -----

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

07/03/2006 01:22 PM

To [REDACTED]

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— Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:23 PM —

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 04:09 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc [REDACTED]

Subject Re: new working group representative [REDACTED]

According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each got to pick three members of the Working Group. The Commission guidance regarding this particular member follows:

4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy sectors - 2 to be chosen by Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.

This issue of allowing a designee relates to Tova's pick.

As I understand it, we are working on a replacement for Norcross. If Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who includes public integrity in his areas of specialization. I would not try and stir up other members of the Working Group, if I were you. The effort is likely to come back and bite you.

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 03:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

I really don't care if he represents the organization or not. What mixed race? The entire discussion was because Arnwine was African-American. If you are going to invite him without first having a replacement for my side, I may have to call Thor and Todd and discuss all of this.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Greenbaum is representing Arnwine, not replacing
> her. He works for her
> organization and is of mixed race. --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]
> 05/11/2006 03:36 PM

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> To
> "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]@eac.gov
> cc

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> serebrov@sbcglobal.net
> Subject
> Re: new working group representative
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> I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize he
> comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority
> attorney and we already have a rep who worked with
> DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not
> fill
> that position since I am one down.
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> --- Tova Wang <[REDACTED]> wrote:
>
> > is Jon Greenbaum
> >
> > Here' s his info in full:
> >
> [REDACTED]
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> > He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project
> > for
> > the Lawyers Committee
> > for Civil Rights. He will be representing Barbara
> > Arnwine, the Executive
> > Director of the Lawyers Committee.
> >
> > His contact and mailing info is:
> >
> > [REDACTED]
> > [REDACTED]
> > [REDACTED]
> > [REDACTED]
> > [REDACTED]
> >
> >
> > Tova Andrea Wang
> > Democracy Fellow
> > The Century Foundation
> > [REDACTED]
> > [REDACTED]
> >
> > Visit our Web site, [REDACTED]
> > [REDACTED] for the latest news,
> > analysis, opinions, and events.
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> > [REDACTED]
> > Click here to receive our
> > weekly e-mail updates.
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Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 10:29 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Fw: Court Reporter for Working Group Meeting 

Yes. please let Joyce know and she will get someone
Tom

Thomas R. Wilkey
Executive Director
US Election Assistance Commission
1225 New York Ave, NW - Suite 1100
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 566-3109 phone
TWilkey@eac.gov
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 10:26 AM

To twilkey@eac.gov

cc DScott@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Fw: Court Reporter for Working Group Meeting

Tom:

I understand that EAC hired a court reporter for the Asian Language Working Group meeting. I would like to do the same for the May 18 Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting, but I did not include funds in my budget for this service. Do we have funds that could be used for this purpose? (See Devon's cost estimate below.) --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/10/2006 10:18 AM -----
Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 09:54 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Court reporter

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Peggy,

I spoke to the people who usually handle the EAC court reporting. They charge \$9.00 per page with an average of 40 pages per hour. This service would cost about \$1800.00.

The turn around time for the transcript is 10 to 15 days. The transcripts comes in a bound paper copy and an electronic copy.

I can also check around for different prices.

Devon Romig
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www.eac.gov

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"Job Serebrov"

05/09/2006 10:46 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Fwd: RE: Working Group meeting

FYI

--- "Patrick J. Rogers" <[REDACTED]> wrote:

> Subject: RE: Working Group meeting
> Date: Tue, 9 May 2006 07:42:44 -0600
> From: "Patrick J. Rogers" <[REDACTED]>
> To: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>
>
> Job---maybe. I will call you and/or Ms. Sims
> tomorrow. Depositions all
> day today. Thanks, Pat
>
> What's the best number to call you tomorrow?
>
>
> Patrick J. Rogers
> Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris & Sisk, P.A.

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Peggy Sims
Election Research Specialist

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/24/2007 02:49 PM -----

Bola Olu/EAC/GOV

02/12/2007 01:13 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc DScott@eac.gov

Subject Re: Possible Discrepancy on Contractor's 1099 

Peggy:

Please find attached a record of payments that GSA Finance made to Job during 2006. Hope this will clear any confusion on both sides. Let me know if I can further assist you.



List of Job Serebrov payment for Year 2006.xls

Bola Olu
Financial Administrative Specialist
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Washington, DC 20005
P:202-566-3124
F:202/566-3127
<http://www.eac.gov/>

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

02/12/2007 12:13 PM

To DScott@eac.gov, Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Possible Discrepancy on Contractor's 1099

Diana And Bola:

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ACT# E4019905, Contract # EAC 06-05

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02/12/2007 01:33 PM

To Bola Olu/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: Possible Discrepancy on Contractor's 1099 

Thanks for looking this up for me. It appears that they included 2 payments made at the end of 2005 in the total for 2006. Is that standard operating procedure? --- Peggy

Bola Olu/EAC/GOV

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02/12/2007 12:13 PM

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ACT# E4019905, Contract # EAC 06-05

Peggy Sims
Election Research Specialist

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> P.O. Box 2168
> [REDACTED] 2168
> [REDACTED]
> [REDACTED] 2168

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Job Serebrov [mailto:[REDACTED]]
> Sent: Monday, May 08, 2006 9:41 PM
> To: Patrick J. Rogers
> Subject: Working Group meeting

> Pat:

> The working group meeting for the voter fraud
> project is scheduled for
> May 18th in DC but David Norcross can't attend.
> Could you come? If so,
> we need to arrange travel and a hotel for you.

> Regards,

> Job

> Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris & Sisk, P.A.

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> corrected. Thank you.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:40 AM

To Serebrov

cc

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Subject Fw: Working Group-Perez

This is the original email with the attachment. If you still don't see the attachment on your end, I can excerpt the content and send it in email text. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/09/2006 11:39 AM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:13 AM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Working Group-Perez 

As you may recall, the Commissioners directed me to find a nonpartisan local election official to serve on the Working Group. The three of us discussed the desirability of having a Hispanic. I proposed that I find someone from Texas because of that State's colorful history of voting fraud and their innovative approaches to combat it. In those Texas counties that hire Election Administrators to run elections, rather than having elected officials do so (Tax Assessor for voter registration; County Clerk for balloting), the Election Administrator is hired by the County Election Commission and is supposed to perform his or her duties in a nonpartisan manner. (See attached excerpts from Texas Election Code regarding election administrator hiring and restrictions on partisan activity.)

Any experienced Texas election official will be familiar with voting fraud and voter intimidation schemes used in that State. Mr. Perez has over 13 years experience as a county Election Administrator in Texas. You won't find many news articles mentioning him because he has kept his nose clean. (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the country, prefers to report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the association of Texas election officials and the two largest organizations of election officials in this country: the International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and The Election Center. He is a past President and past Chairman of the Legislative Committee for the Texas Association of Election Administrators. He currently serves on IACREOT's Election Officials Committee, which plans the educational sessions for election officials that are conducted at that organization's conferences. His peers in IACREOT and The Election Center have selected his submissions on web presentations (IACREOT) and his professional practices papers (Election Center) for awards. Mr. Perez also has access to information from other States through his membership in IACREOT and The Election Center. He also has a sense of humor, which you will note if you access the staff web page on the Guadalupe County Elections web site and hear the Mission Impossible theme .. something that might be useful in the upcoming meeting.

Guadalupe County is small but growing. In 2004, the county had over 65 thousand registered voters (a number more than doubled the number of registered voters in 1988). A third of the county's population claims Hispanic or Latino origin, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The county is in south central Texas and is bordered by Comal, Hays, Cladwell, Gonzales, Wilson, and Bexar counties. In the 1980s, the county was predominately a farming community; but in recent years, many people have moved from San Antonio (Bexar County) to Guadalupe County, preferring to live in Guadalupe County and work in Bexar County.

--- Peggy



tx elec admin-appt-partisan restrictions.doc

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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"

05/08/2006 11:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group

Peggy:

What political party is Perez with? How political is he? Is the position in Texas neutral or political? Who appointed Perez?

As to Pat I will contact him but I can't promise anything. If Pat can't come, who is getting knocked off Tova's list?

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:38 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang

cc

Subject Fw: Case Summaries

Had you seen this? --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"

05/08/2006 09:30 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Case Summaries



Case Summaries.doc Peggy:

Please add this to the packet.

Job

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"Job Serebrov"

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05/11/2006 10:16 AM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org
cc

Subject Re: Today's Teleconference

The teleconference is on. However, I am still one person down for the meeting and I am not comfortable. This will have to be discussed since from the start it was agreed that the WG would be equal and if I lost a person Tova would have to loose one. Further and most importantly, I don't yet have a hotel so my attendance is still up in the air. Finally, the agenda is not what we discussed and gives far too much time for areas that can be covered in a short time. Not listed are all of the questions that Tova's proposed agenda had. All in all, it needs to be redone.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I assume that we are still on for today's
> teleconference at 11 AM EST. I
> will call you. I have attached a draft agenda for
> your review and
> comment. --- Peggy
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Diana Scott/EAC/GOV

05/08/2006 01:52 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC
cc dromig@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC,
Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC
Subject Re: Working Group Travel

I have given Adventure Travel the necessary credit card authorization on this. Devon please follow-up with the reservations etc.

Diana M. Scott
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dscott@eac.gov

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/05/2006 05:34 PM

To DScott@eac.gov

cc Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC, dromig@eac.gov

Subject Working Group Travel

Diana:

The following members of the Working Group for our Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation research project will need to make travel arrangements in order to attend an afternoon meeting of the group on May 18 in Washington, DC:

Mark "Thor" Hearne - St Louis, MO

J.R. Perez - Seguin, TX

The Honorable Todd Rokita - Indianapolis, IN

Kathy Rogers - Atlanta, GA

I may have one additional member from Albuquerque, NM confirmed early next week.

May these people use Adventure Travel to make these arrangements in the same manner as the Asian Language Working Group? I understand the members of that group made hotel and flight arrangements through Adventure Travel and that these costs were billed directly to EAC. We did plan for EAC to pay for the travel of the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group (budgeted under Research). Devon will prepare their travel authorizations.

Peggy Sims

Election Research Specialist

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"Tova Wang"

05/08/2006 10:18 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Working Group

I am more than happy to attend in person

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:jserebrov@eac.gov]

Sent: Monday, May 08, 2006 9:15 AM

To: psims@eac.gov; [mailto:jserebrov@eac.gov]

Subject: Re: Working Group

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Peggy:

4:00 eastern on Tuesday is fine however, given the financial restrictions that you indicated would be in place for use of my car (I would actually loose money coming to DC) and given the cost of hotels at this time (I can't afford to front these costs and wait for months to be repaid), etc, it would take a miracle for this working group meeting to take place in person. It is looking like the only way it will get done is by teleconference. I also share Tova's concern about the unknown nature of Mr. Perez.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Hi, Folks:
>
> Teleconference
> Are both of you available for a teleconference next
> Tuesday afternoon at
> about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you,
> please suggest another
> date and/or time. I would like to discuss our
> preparations for the
> Working Group meeting.
>
> Working Group Members
> We have a very good person to fill the slot for the nonpartisan local
> election official: J.R. Perez, Elections
> Administrator for Guadalupe
> County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have no
> objections to him. He
> is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to Pat
> Rogers office, but
> have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have any
> pull with him, you
> may want to contact him, too.
>
> Travel Arrangements
> You should make your own travel arrangements,
> including hotel. Travel
> time cannot be billed to the contract, except for
> hours actually worked on
> the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in
> preparation for the meeting,
> and the like). Current Federal rates follow:
>
> Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include
> hotel taxes (if you
> cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable
> rates that are a little
> higher)
> Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that it is
> \$48 on the first and
> last day of travel)
> Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$.445 per
> mile
>
> Under the new contract, I do not have to fill out a

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> travel authorization
> for you. I can approve your trip via email.
> Afterwards, when you turn in
> your next pay voucher, you can attach the airline
> receipt (or mileage
> documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground
> transportation receipts and a
> copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the
> total travel expenses due
> you, including applicable per diem. I do not need
> meal receipts.
>
> Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations
> for personal reasons are
> not normally accommodated. What you can do,
> however, is to give me a
> comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage, hotel,
> and per diem of doing
> it your way against the cost of a roundtrip flight,
> ground transportation,
> hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it
> should be no problem to
> cover the full cost. If your way is more expensive,
> we may only pay up to
> the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules
> apply to me when I
> travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC,
> you will spend the
> night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.
>
> Peggy
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>

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"Job Serebrov"

05/10/2006 03:03 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Option

Peggy:

I may have the only option left but it is a risk time wise. I could stay at the Baymont in Salem by Roanoke and then leave early that morning and drive into DC or to a park and ride (Metro). I would make it before 12:00 barring any unforeseen road issues. However, I would have to leave to go home right after the meeting. That would cancel the next day's meeting.

Job

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I need to run to West Little Rock so you can get me on my cell if you want to talk.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/12/2006 02:46 PM

To Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Working Group List

Job:

What do you suggest I do with the list of Working Group members. I need to get the Fed Ex packages out by the end of the day, and have not heard back from Ginsberg. Do you want me to list a vacancy, or list Norcross with a note that he cannot attend? If we find a substitute, we can always provide an updated list next Thursday. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"

05/11/2006 04:25 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Material I may not have included

news article review

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 3:23 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Material I may not have included

Would these go under literature review or news article review? --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

05/10/2006 11:45 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc [REDACTED], dromig@eac.gov

Subject Material I may not have included

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Peg,

Correct me if I'm wrong, but I think I omitted sending you these specific summaries that are based on complex cases that could not be adequately described within the confines of the nexis article excel spreadsheets. If we can, these should be included, probably on the disc. Sorry.

Tova Andrea Wang
Democracy Fellow
The Century Foundation

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 11:45 AM

To Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Court Case Charts

Job

In preparing the CDs, we have run across the following files that appear to be duplicates. Which ones should go on the CD? --- Peggy



Chart Election Accessible.doc



Chart Vote Inaccessible.doc



ChartDenialVoterRegistrat.doc



ChartDenialVoterRegistrat2.doc



ChartProvisionalBallotDen.doc



ChartProvisionalBallotDen2.doc

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]

05/09/2006 12:03 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

Here is the issue---four of the five people who

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selected Perez are Republicans. If the shoe were on the other foot I would be uncomfortable. This one is up to Tova to call but I am not sure that he can be neutral.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> OK, I get it. The text in the attachment follows:
>
> EXCERPTS FROM TEXAS ELECTION CODE
>
> SUBCHAPTER B. COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR
>
> ***
>
> § 31.032. APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR; COUNTY
> ELECTION COMMISSION.
> (a) The position of county elections
> administrator is filled by
> appointment of the county election commission, which
> consists of:
> (1) the county judge, as chair;
> (2) the county clerk, as vice
> chair;
> (3) the county tax
> assessor-collector, as secretary; and
> (4) the county chair of each
> political party that made
> nominations by primary election for the last general
> election for state
> and county officers preceding the date of the
> meeting at which the
> appointment is made.
> (b) The affirmative vote of a majority of
> the commission's
> membership is necessary for the appointment of an
> administrator.
> (c) Each appointment must be evidenced by a
> written resolution or
> order signed by the number of commission members
> necessary to make the
> appointment. Not later than the third day after the
> date an administrator
> is appointed, the officer who presided at the
> meeting shall file a signed
> copy of the resolution or order with the county
> clerk. Not later than the
> third day after the date the copy is filed, the
> county clerk shall deliver
> a certified copy of the resolution or order to the
> secretary of state.
> (d) The initial appointment may be made at
> any time after the
> adoption of the order creating the position.
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> ***
>
> § 31.035. RESTRICTIONS ON POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.
> (a) A county elections administrator may
> not be a candidate for a
> public office or an office of a political party,

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> hold a public office, or
> hold an office of or position in a political party.
> At the time an
> administrator becomes a candidate or accepts an
> office or position in
> violation of this subsection, the administrator
> vacates the position of
> administrator.
> (b) A county elections administrator
> commits an offense if the
> administrator makes a political contribution or
> political expenditure, as
> defined by the law regulating political funds and
> campaigns, or publicly
> supports or opposes a candidate for public office or
> a measure to be voted
> on at an election. An offense under this subsection
> is a Class A
> misdemeanor. On a final conviction, the
> administrator's employment is
> terminated, and the person convicted is ineligible
> for future appointment
> as county elections administrator.
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>
> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]
> 05/09/2006 11:38 AM
>
> To
> psims@eac.gov
> cc
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> Subject
> Re: Working Group-Perez
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>
> The code attachment did not work that is what I
> meant
> by it did not come through.
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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:
>
> > Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas
> > Code? --- Peggy
> >
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> >
> > "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>
> > 05/09/2006 11:23 AM
> >
> > To
> > psims@eac.gov
> > cc

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> > [REDACTED]
> > Subject
> > Re: Working Group-Perez
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> >
> > We have the same set-up here in Arkansas. We hired
> a
> > person just like Perez. However, given this, I
> would
> > still like to know if he has a party affiliation
> and
> > this brings up another issue. How is the county
> > election commission chosen. In Arkansas it is the
> > Chairmen of the Republican and Democrat Parties or
> > if
> > he/she does not want to serve a person is elected
> in
> > his/her stead and a third member picked by the
> party
> > with the most constitutional officers. Practically
> > that has meant that the Democrats have controlled
> > election commissions in Arkansas since the end of
> > Reconstruction. This is why I want to know the
> > situation in Texas.
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> >
> > --- psims@eac.gov wrote:
> >
> > > As you may recall, the Commissioners directed me
> > to
> > > find a nonpartisan
> > > local election official to serve on the Working
> > > Group. The three of us
> > > discussed the desirability of having a Hispanic.
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> > > history of voting
> > > fraud and their innovative approaches to combat
> > it.
> > > In those Texas
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> run
> > > elections, rather than
> > > having elected officials do so (Tax Assessor for
> > > voter registration;
> > > County Clerk for balloting), the Election
> > > Administrator is hired by the
> > > County Election Commission and is supposed to
> > > perform his or her duties in
> > > a nonpartisan manner. (See attached excerpts
> from
> > > Texas Election Code
> > > regarding election administrator hiring and

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> > > restrictions on partisan
> > > activity.)
> > > Any experienced Texas election official will be
> > > familiar with voting fraud
> > > and voter intimidation schemes used in that
> State.
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> > > Mr. Perez has over 13
> > > years experience as a county Election
> > Administrator
> > > in Texas. You won't
> > > find many news articles mentioning him because
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> > > has kept his nose clean.
> > > (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the
> > > country, prefers to
> > > report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the
> > > association of Texas
> > > election officials and the two largest
> > organizations
> > > of election officials
> > > in this country: the International Association
> of
> > > Clerks, Recorders,
> > > Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and
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=== message truncated ===

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"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

05/11/2006 01:59 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: research summaries

Job did this one

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 12:56 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: research summaries

Something is wrong in the fourth paragraph of the Federal Election Crime summary. Do you know what it is supposed to say there?

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

05/11/2006 01:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov, dromig@eac.gov

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cc
Subject research summaries

I have the feeling we didn't include these in the original batch I sent you. Could you double check and if not, would you please include them in the existing research materials? Sorry and thanks. I'm kind of doing all of this on my own in case you couldn't tell. List is coming...

Tova Andrea Wang
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 11:16 AM

To Job Serebrov, Tova Andrea Wang

cc

Subject Rev Agenda for Working Group Meeting



Agenda 5-18-06 Mtg.doc

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 02:48 PM

To Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Fw: Working Group-Perez

Adam:

J.R. Perez's resume is attached, and I have forwarded my last explanatory email to Job in answer to his concerns. I will tell Tova not to contact Ray, but that she may talk with you about this issue. Thanks! ---
Peggy



Perez bio 5_5_06.doc

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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/09/2006 02:45 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:13 AM

To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]
cc [REDACTED]
Subject Re: Working Group-Perez [REDACTED]

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--- Peggy



tx elec admin-appt-partisan restrictions.doc

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"

05/08/2006 11:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov
cc
Subject Re: Working Group

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Peggy:

What political party is Perez with? How political is he? Is the position in Texas neutral or political? Who appointed Perez?

As to Pat I will contact him but I can't promise anything. If Pat can't come, who is getting knocked off Tova's list?

Job

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:22 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 04:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

Peggy:

Braden is ok also with me but please don't tell me not to "stir up" things. I assure you nothing will come back to bite me. I know these people well enough to say they will also want a balanced group. In fact, one of them was very unhappy with Tova's folks.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each
> got to pick three
> members of the Working Group. The Commission
> guidance regarding this
> particular member follows:
>
> 4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy
> sectors - 2 to be chosen by
> Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.
>
> This issue of allowing a designee relates to Tova's
> pick.
>
> As I understand it, we are working on a replacement
> for Norcross. If
> Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who
> includes public
> integrity in his areas of specialization. I would
> not try and stir up

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> other members of the Working Group, if I were you.
> The effort is likely
> to come back and bite you.
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>
> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]
> 05/11/2006 03:53 PM
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> To
> psims@eac.gov
> cc
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> Subject
> Re: new working group representative
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> I really don't care if he represents the
> organization
> or not. What mixed race? The entire discussion was
> because Arnwine was African-American. If you are
> going
> to invite him without first having a replacement for
> my side, I may have to call Thor and Todd and
> discuss
> all of this.
>
> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:
>
> > Greenbaum is representing Arnwine, not replacing
> > her. He works for her
> > organization and is of mixed race. --- Peggy
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> >
> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]
> > 05/11/2006 03:36 PM
> >
> > To
> > "Tova Wang" [REDACTED] psims@eac.gov
> > cc
> > [REDACTED]
> > Subject
> > Re: new working group representative
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> >
> > I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize
> > he
> > comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority
> > attorney and we already have a rep who worked with

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> > DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not
> > fill
> > that position since I am one down.

> > --- Tova Wang <wang@tcf.org> wrote:

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> > > is Jon Greenbaum
> > >
> > > Here' s his info in full:
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> > > He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project
> > for
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> > > Arnwine, the Executive
> > > Director of the Lawyers Committee.

> > > His contact and mailing info is:

> > > [REDACTED]

> > ~~100 New York Ave~~
> > Suite 400
> > Washington, DC 20005

> > >

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 03:54 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Literature Summary 

When I opened the attachment, I still had problems with the 4th paragraph. Would you please just send me that paragraph within the text of your email so that I can paste it into the document? --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" 



"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 03:49 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Literature Summary

I resent the review as you see at the bottom. When I opened it and sent it there was no corrupted text.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Do you have text to replace the corrupted text in
> paragraph 4? --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" 

> 05/11/2006 03:17 PM

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> To

> psims@eac.gov

> cc

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> Subject

> Re: Literature Summary

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> > Tova just sent me the summary you prepared of The
> > Federal Crime of
> > Election Fraud by Craig Donsanto. There is
> > something wrong in the fourth
> > paragraph (odd characters and missing text). Can
> > you please send a
> > replacement fourth paragraph? You can send it in
> > an email and I will
> > place it in the document. --- Peggy
>

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"Job Serebrov"

04/24/2006 12:41 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voucher

Ok. Thanks

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:
>
> I've signed and submitted your voucher. I had to
> correct the contract
> date. (It is 2/26/06, not 4/22/06.) Everything
> else looked great. ---
> Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 02:51 PM

To "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>

cc Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject RE: Working Group-Perez [REDACTED]

We are still on for 4 PM. Ray is out of the office due to a family emergency, so I suggest you NOT contact him. You may contact his Special Assistant, Adam Ambrogi (aambrogi@eac.gov or 202-566-3105), who also hails from Texas. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>



"Tova Wang"

05/09/2006 12:08 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

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Subject RE: Working Group-Perez

We are still doing the 4 pm call, right? We can discuss it more then. Would it be OK if I see if Ray knows this person? Thanks. Tova

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2006 10:14 AM

To: serebrov@sbcglobal.net

Cc: wang@tcf.org

Subject: Re: Working Group-Perez

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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/08/2006 11:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/12/2006 10:10 AM

To [REDACTED]@eac.gov

cc

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Dear Mr. Ginsberg:

This is to confirm my call to your office this morning inviting you to be a member of and attend the upcoming meeting of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission's (EAC) Working Group on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation. The meeting is scheduled to take place from 1:00 PM to 5:30 PM on Thursday, May 18th, 2006 at the offices of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC), 1225 New York Avenue, NW, 11th Floor, Washington, DC.

Section 241 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) requires EAC to conduct research on election administration issues. Among the tasks listed in the statute are the development of:

- nationwide statistics and methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud in elections for Federal office [section 241(b)(6)]; and
- methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating methods of voter intimidation [section 241(b)(7)].

EAC's Board of Advisors recommended that the agency make research on these matters a high priority. Subsequently, the Commission contracted with two consultants (Job Serebrov and Tova Wang) to:

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- develop a comprehensive description of what constitutes voting fraud and voter intimidation in the context of Federal elections;
- perform background research (including Federal and State administrative and case law review), identify current activities of key government agencies, civic and advocacy organizations regarding these topics, and deliver a summary of this research and all source documentation;
- establish a project working group, in consultation with EAC, composed of key individuals and representatives of organizations knowledgeable about the topics of voting fraud and voter intimidation;
- provide the description of what constitutes voting fraud and voter intimidation, and the results of the preliminary research to the working group, and convene the working group to discuss potential avenues for future EAC research on this topic; and
- produce a report to EAC summarizing the findings of the preliminary research effort and working group deliberations that includes recommendations for future research, if any;

We strive to include bipartisan representation on the Working Group associated with this project. You were recommended for this project by our Republican consultant, Job Serebrov. Your ideas for possible EAC activities related to this topic will help the agency as it plans future actions to meet its HAVA responsibilities.

If you can find the time in your busy schedule to participate, I will have an information packet delivered to your office by COB, Monday, May 15. Please let me know if you are available. Thank you.

Regards,

Peggy Sims
 Election Research Specialist
 U.S. Election Assistance Commission
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 Washington, DC 20005
 Phone: 866-747-1471 (toll free) or 202-566-3120 (direct)
 Fax: 202-566-3127
 email: psims@eac.gov

— Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:22 PM —

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 09:25 AM

To "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: arnwine [REDACTED]

I'm checking on this. Will get back to you as soon as I have more info. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"

05/09/2006 05:28 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject arnwine

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She definitely cannot do it. Would you please find out if Wade Henderson would be possible? Now its my turn to be upset!!! Thanks.

Tova Andrea Wang
Democracy Fellow

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To eaccon@eac.gov

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Subject Vote Fraud Study-Archived Email Part 2

Here is the second batch of my archived email related to the vote fraud study.

Peg Sims

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Aletha
Barrington/CONTRACTOR/E
AC/GOV

04/19/2006 01:09 PM

To [REDACTED]

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Voting fraud/Voter intimidation

Good afternoon:

I like to introduce myself, I am Aletha Barrington, the new Contract Assistant, I will be replacing Nicole Mortellito. You may address any questions regarding the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Contract to me as well as cc all monthly reports. Thank you and I look forward to working with you!

Aletha Barrington
[REDACTED]

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To Sarah Ball Johnson

cc [REDACTED] ecortes@eac.gov

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"Tova Wang"

04/17/2006 01:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov
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Subject RE: Interviews

Actually, 11 EST would be better. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2006 10:49 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Interviews

I know you preferred Friday, but Job is not available then. He also said he is not available next week. Do you have any time available this Wednesday? --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

04/17/2006 11:06 AM

To psims@eac.gov
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Subject Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

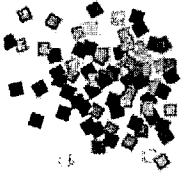
I can't do it Friday but Wednesday is ok.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Tova and Job:
>
> I've passed Tova's request on to Craig.
>
> Also, Sarah Ball Johnson, KY, finally called back
> to say she would be
> available Wednesday through Friday this week and
> next week for the
> interview. Which day and time is best for you and
> Job?
>
> --- Peggy
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> [REDACTED]
> 04/16/2006 11:39 AM
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> To
> psims@eac.gov
> cc
> "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]
> Subject
> donsanto again
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>
> Hi Peg,
>
> Happy Easter!
>
> Would it be possible to talk to Mr. Donsanto about
> this latest initiative,
> or somehow get more information? Thanks. Tova
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> <http://www.fbi.gov/page2/april06/electioncrime041406.htm>
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

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To Rivers@BlankRome.com

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Ms. Rivers,

My name is Devon Romig and I am writing to you on behalf of the Election Assistance Commission. I believe that you have been contacted previously by our consultant Job Serebrov about the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group that we are organizing.

We are in the process of setting a date for this event and we would appreciate any suggestions that you may contribute based upon Mr. Norcross's availability in the month of May. The proposed dates are May 1,2,3,8,9,10,11,12,15,16,17,18,19. The meeting will only last for one day. Please let me know any and all of the listed dates that will work with Mr. Norcross's schedule.

Also, I tried to contact you by phone but I received a disconnected notification. Could you please provide me with your most current contact information?

Feel free to call or email me with any questions.

Thanks!

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"Tova Wang"

04/20/2006 10:58 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc DRomig@eac.gov

Subject wg meeting

Hi Peg,

I think I might have told you only that I am unavailable on the 5th. I'm actually unavailable on the 4th as well. Any news on this front? We should also arrange a conference call next week about preparing for the meeting, don't you think? Thanks Tova

Tova Andrea Wang
Democracy Fellow

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Subject existing research summaries 3 (final)

Peg, I hope we will be able to review the binders you put together before they get sent out. Thanks. Just one more research summary to come Monday. Tova

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To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject wg materials

I will now begin sending several emails with material for the working group meeting. Peg, we still have not heard back from you on whether you like the agenda. I have attached it again. With respect to the interview and research summaries, would you both please review them to make sure there are no glaring mistakes?

Are we going on a hiatus next week? I'm a little confused about what happens from here. Tova

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Subject interview summaries 4 (final)

Please also double check that I have not left any out. Thanks.

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Sarah:

Thank you. I have not reviewed this myself, so I really appreciate the link. Professor Campbell was among the people interviewed by our consultants.

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To Job Serebrov, Tova Andrea Wang

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Subject Conference Call This Afternoon

Are you two still available for the conference call we had scheduled for this afternoon at 4 PM EST/3 PM CST? --- Peg

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To "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED] Tova Andrea Wang

cc

Subject Recent email from Aletha Barrington

Please ignore the message sent to you today by Aletha Barrington. It was sent in error. As COR for this project, I remain your primary contact. Thanks.
Peggy

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06



I have just forwarded to you the Feb 3 email I sent to EAC Staff.


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To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Diana
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cc Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC
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